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April 14, 2009

To: Cecilia S. Wu
Chair, Small Business Commission

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

SMALL BUSINESS LEGISLATION

First and foremost, our sincere thanks to you and the Commission for your tireless advocacy for small businesses in the County of Los Angeles. This Office fully appreciates the tremendous benefits and solutions your Commission brings to the small business community. We also recognize that small business job creation is a critical element to revitalizing the economy, and merits the assistance of us all. This memorandum provides our response to two recent requests expressed by your Commission regarding: 1) analysis of legislation impacting small business, and 2) added small business support for the Commercial and Industrial Loan Programs.

With respect to legislation affecting small businesses, our Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Branch will provide the Office of Small Business (OSB) with all reports on pending legislation of County interest or impact, as well as training and guidance to assist OSB staff with keeping abreast of pending legislation that may affect small businesses. With regard to reviewing or analyzing pending legislation solely related to small business, please understand that this Office relies on subject matter experts in departments on all programmatic areas, and then provides assistance in appropriately advocating the County's position on specific pieces of legislation based on Board policy. Therefore, as referenced above, this Office's IGR staff will be happy to train OSB staff in reviewing legislation and will also answer any questions they may have and provide ongoing guidance. We understand that OSB staff will review IGR legislative updates for legislation impacting small business and prepare appropriate transmittals to your Commission.

Your Commission also inquired about increasing staffing for the Community Development Commission's (CDC) Commercial and Industrial Loan Programs. We recognize that the loan programs are vitally important to the small business community in the current, very challenging lending environment, and we encourage CDC to explore any opportunity to enhance support for these programs within existing resources. However, in view of the current budget crisis, I am unable to identify or recommend additional staffing at this time.

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Once again, our Office deeply respects your public service and devotion to the small business community and County as a whole. We look forward to continuing our partnership in promoting economic vitality and recovery.

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